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**BANKRUPTCY LAW SECTION
OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS
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2009**

**June 17-19, 2009
Westin Stonebriar
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Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas Bench/Bar Conference 2009

Course Directors

Bill Wallander and Byrnie Bass

WEDNESDAY, June 17, 2009

5:30 a.m. **Opening Reception** - Westin Stonebriar

THURSDAY, June 18, 2009

- 8:45 a.m. **Welcome** - R. Byrn (Byrnie) Bass, Jr., Presiding Officer (Lubbock)
Berry Spears - Chair, State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section (Austin)
- 9:00 a.m. **Thou Shalt Not Lie, Cheat and Steal: The Ten Commandments for Avoiding Ethical Problems as a Lawyer** (1 hour ethics)
Sean Carter, Humorist at Law (Houston)
- 10:00 a.m. **Status of the Congressional Fix - Big Help, Little Help or No Help** (.5)
Professor Michael Brandl, University of Texas Business School (Austin)
- 10:30 a.m. **Let's take a break!**
- 10:45 a.m. **What Judges Wished Attorneys Knew (I Never Did That When I was in Private Practice)** (.75 ethics)
Judge Barbara Houser (Dallas), Moderator, Judge Ronald B. King (San Antonio) and Judge Marvin Isgur (Houston)
- 11:30 a.m. **What Attorneys Wished Judges Knew (What a Ruling. How did He/She Ever Get to be a Judge?)** (.75)
Judith Ross, Moderator (Dallas), Chris Mott (El Paso), Janet Casciato-Northrup (Houston) and Ron Stadtmueller (Tyler)
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch and War Stories from Them that Survived.** (.75)
Bill Wallander, Presiding Officer (Dallas)
Blue ribbon panel of former judges and senior practitioners entertain the troops with stories from days gone by.
Judges Larry Kelly, Moderator (Waco), Bill Brister (Dallas) and Harold Abramson (Dallas) along with Joel Kay (Houston)
- Section Business Meeting (Awards, Election) - Berry Spears, Chair
- Afternoon Session - Robert B. Wilson, Presiding Officer (Lubbock)
- 1:30 p.m. **What's New? Case Law Update** (1.0)
You miss this presentation by two of our distinguished and current judges and you just fell behind.
Judge Craig Gargotta (Austin) and Judge Brenda Rhoades (Plano)
- 2:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions - Pick One** (1.0)
- You Want to Work with Me? This is What I Expect.**
What Outside Counsel Needs to Know, A Look From the Inside Out.
Unique perspective from these three big company General Counsel. Michelle A. Mendez (Dallas) Moderator,
Charles Matthews – Exxon (Dallas), Tony Bangs - Neiman Marcus (Dallas), and Gary Kennedy - American Airlines (Dallas)
- Consumer Discharge Issues - Regretfully, This Stuff May be Harder Than You Think.**
Judge Keith Lundin (Nashville, TN)
- 3:30 p.m. **Let's take a break!**
- 3:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions
- 3:45 – 5:00 **Business Lawyer Breakout Session** (1.25)
Judge Schmidt & Co. will help guide us through what's hot in business bankruptcy cases.
- Judge Richard Schmidt (Corpus Christi), Jack Kinzie (Dallas), Rhett Campbell (Houston),
Eric Taube (Austin), Pat Kelley (Tyler)
- 3:45 – 5:00 **Consumer Lawyer Breakout Sessions** (1.25)
Judge Bill Parker, Presiding Officer
Judge Parker and two talented panels tackle the following hot consumer topics:
- (3:45 - 4:20) **Sharpening Litigation Skills in Consumer Cases**
Dick Harris (Abilene), Scott A. Ritcheson (Tyler), Brian Rogers (Victoria), Elizabeth G. Smith (San Antonio).

(4:20 - 5:00) **Solving Mortgage Problems in Chapter 13**

Janna Ward Clarke (Fort Worth), Michael G. Kelly (Odessa), Gordon Mosley (Tyler), Johnie Patterson (Houston).

5:00 **Reception** - (Westin Stonebriar)

6:30 p.m. **Luau Dinner with live entertainment** - wear your Hawaiian shirts, shorts and flip flops!! (Westin Stonebriar - Estate Grounds)
(Family members of attendees invited – no additional charge.)

FRIDAY, June 19, 2009

8:45 a.m. **Announcements** - Bill Wallander (Dallas, Texas), Presiding Officer

9:00 a.m. **The State of the Union and More Importantly the State of Texas - Where Do We Go from Here?** (.75)
Keith R. Phillips (Dallas)
Federal Reserve Bank Dallas

9:45 a.m. **The Lawyer and the Media** (.75)
Put your best foot forward? Keep your mouth shut? Run and Hide?
Bill Rochelle (New York, New York) Bloomberg

10:30 a.m. **Let's take a break!**

10:45 a.m. **District Breakout Sessions - Give and Take With the Judges in your District** (1.25; .5 ethics)
Moderators – Northern District of Texas - Byrnie Bass (Lubbock); Western District of Texas - Michael Parker (San Antonio);
Southern District of Texas - Harry Perrin (Houston); Eastern District of Texas - Pat Kelley (Tyler)

12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**
Golf Tournament (1:00 - Westin Fazio Course)
Bike Ride (1:30 - led by Frisco Cycling Club)
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A special block of rooms has been reserved at the conference rate of \$209 a night. Please mention that you are with the SBOT - Bankruptcy Law Section. The hotel will release all unused rooms on the cutoff date of May 17, 2009. You must make reservations by this date in order to get the special rate, and remember that the block may fill quickly.

REGISTRATION FORM

The registration fee is \$395. Please make your check* payable to: Bankruptcy Law Section - SBOT, and mail to Debbie Langehennig, Attention: Bench/Bar registration, 3801 South Capital of Texas Hwy, Suite 320, Austin, Texas, 78704. The deadline for refunds is May 25.

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- ☐ Thursday evening dinner onsite (\$50 - non-registrants) _____ District of Texas
(Family members of attendees invited – no additional charge.)
- ☐ Thursday morning 5K Fun Run (6:30 - no charge) Breakout Sessions:
- ☐ Reception (Westin Stonebriar)
- ☐ Friday afternoon golf tournament (\$150 - Westin Fazio Course) _____ Consumer OR _____ Business
- ☐ Friday afternoon spa and Wine & Cheese Reception (make appointments directly with Stonebriar Spa - www.stonebriarspa.com)
- ☐ Friday afternoon bicycle excursion (1:30; bike rental available at \$35)

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